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Support for SCR 102 SD 1 HD1 Proposed: SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S EFFORTS TOWARD PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND URGING THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ENGAGE IN SINCERE REUNIFICATION DIALOGUE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

I would like to express my deepest respect to all Representatives and Senators of the State of Hawaii in your consideration of SCR 102 SD1 HD1 Proposed.

Hawaii is geographically located in the center of the Pacific region. Therefore, any insecurity in the North East Asia means a direct threat to the security of the State of Hawaii. North Korea is the central threat to peace in North East Asia.

I am proud as a citizen of this State to see that our leaders have recognized this threat and initiating a resolution to urge Democratic People's Republic of Korea to abandon their nuclear developments, reform human rights policies, and work toward a peaceful reunification.

We cannot assume North Korea's developments of nuclear armaments and intercontinental ballistic missiles are only an isolated threat to North East Asia. It is a direct threat to United States, and a very serious threat to the State of Hawaii. North Korea issues blatant militaristic threats to United States daily in the hopes of embarrassing and insulting our resolve. I believe it is very appropriate for State of Hawaii to bring focus on this regime and highly respect our representatives and senators in taking action.

United States have always fought for freedom and peace. My own son has served in the United States Army for many years, and have been deployed to Afghanistan for a yearlong tour.

North Korea has maintained a single person dictatorship for three generations. In order to maintain power, not only is the regime developing nuclear armament and ICBM, but it closes off any communications and starves its own people. In the fear that the world will see the horrid state of its regime, it locks all doors, even preventing separated families from reuniting. Fearing the breakdown of its power, North Korea avoids any sincere dialogue for peaceful reunification or reconciliation.

The Korean-Americans living in Hawaii are very familiar with North Korea. It is an entire nation under an absurd regime. It is the eye of the storm that threatens peace for the Pacific, peace for Hawaii, and peace for the United States of America.

It is a responsibility of this State to play a role in urging North Korea to take the path that will bring stability to the Pacific.

I always have and always will be proud to be a citizen of this State, and pray that our leaders pass this resolution to show the world that we are truly the "Aloha State" that loves freedom and peace.

Testimony of North Korea's Despotism

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The State of Hawaii is like a Mother Land for Korean Immigration in America since 1903. And Most of Korean here enjoy an Aloha Spirit and feel happy.

The reason why most Korean also have same spirit with Aloha spirit. The Aloha Spirit means affection, peace, compassion, mercy and also, appreciation and continuously happy and healthy.

In contrast, Since the Korean War occurred in 1950, North Korea is a repressive communist country where many human beings are hardly able to breathe. North Korea does not invest in food for their people but the dictatorial government has invested a tremendous amount of money to develop a mass destructive Nuclear Bombs and Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

That,s why, in the middle of 1990, around two million of North Korea residents starved to death. This is a really heart breaking story.

People who went against the North Korean government's political order were arrested and sent to political prisoner camps, where conditions include torture, rape, and assault, and forced labor until die.

Last Year, On Novemver 1st, Our korean community invited four experts of North Korea situation from south Korea. And we held a big event entitled "Hawaii 2014 North Korean Human Rights Film and Forum". This event included a Seminar, A Movie playing of Defectors testimony from North Korea, and Question and Answer Session to reveal the North Korean Human Issues to the people in the State of Hawaii.

Bact to my past story, I was born in North Korea and our family was kicked out from our own home by North Korean Police because of Rich Landowener when I was 8 years old. After that hardly we moved over to South Korea. 4 years later The Korean war broken out on 1950. My sister's husband was captived by North Korean Police to North Korea and my elder brother also died from them. And then they distroyed our house and factory.

Because of above mentioned situation, I always concerning about North Korean and North Korea and prayed the whole world to be peaceful global nations with aloha spirit.

So I strongly petition you, Hawaii State Legislature to make a resolution showing what I comment bellow for peaceful and happier global country with Aloha Spirit.

1. Highly evaluate the activity of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea(North Korea) that accused of human rights crimes in North Korea and its recommendations(A/HRC/25/63, 2/7/2014) to North Korea for improving human rights situation.
2. Stongly support the UN resolution(A/RES/69/188, 1/21/2015) for improvement of human rights situation in North Korea which was overwhelmingly approved by General Assembly.
3. Urge North Korea to humbly accept the international society's concerns and to make an effort to improve human rights of their people.
4. Pay attention to the development of weapons of mass destruction by North Korea such as nuclear program and missiles causing tentions in Asia-Pacific region, hence urge North Korea to abandon nuclear ambition and invest the resources for their people's livelihood.
5. Support for the effort of the Republic of Korea(South Korea) for peaceful reunification of Korean Peninsula and urge North Korea to step forward to inter-Korean dialogue with sincerity.